

2005 MTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

TWO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS - \$750 EACH

The Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA) Memorial Scholarship is designed for any Montana student, regardless if their undergraduate studies will be completed at a Montana college or university or, at an out-of-state institution.

The scholarship applicant may be either a graduating high school senior entering his or her freshman year at college, or a current college undergraduate student. Graduate students are ineligible. Previous Scholarship winners may not apply for future Scholarships.

The applicant must submit a completed application form, which is available from your local rural telephone cooperative or independent telephone system. **You do not have to be a member of a telephone cooperative or independent system to apply for the scholarships.** The applicant must also detail his or her goals in a personal statement. Two letters of recommendation from current teachers and one character reference letter may also be submitted with the application.

All applications must be submitted no later than March 31, 2005, to one of the telephone systems listed on the attached sheet. The MTA Scholarship Committee will then make the final selection by April 23, 2005.

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based as follows:

- Grade Point Average - 30%
- School and Community Activities - 40%
- Personal Statement - 30%

The individual rural telephone cooperatives and independent systems will select scholarship finalists. The MTA Scholarship Committee will then choose two scholarship recipients from the list of finalists.

A Scholarship Certificate announcing the award will be presented to recipients in May, in time for recognition during graduation ceremonies or awards ceremonies (if applicable). Scholarship funds will not be dispersed until proof of enrollment in the college or university of the scholarship recipient is received by MTA. Once proof of enrollment is received, payment will be made by a joint check to the recipient and school. Scholarships must be claimed by December 31, 2005, or the money will be forfeited.

The Scholarships are funded from donations provided in memory of rural telephone directors and employees.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING TELEPHONE COMPANIES:**

3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative
P.O. Box 429
Fairfield, MT 59436

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative
1221 North Russell Street
Missoula, MT 59808

CenturyTel
290 North Main Street
Kalispell, MT 59901

Frontier Communications
P.O. Box 689
Libby, MT 59923

Hot Springs Telephone
P.O. Box 627
Hot Springs, MT 59845

Lincoln Telephone Company
HCR 30, Box 1
Lincoln, MT 59639

Range Telephone Cooperative
P.O. Box 127
Forsyth, MT 59327

2005 MTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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NAME:			(last)	(First)	(Middle)
MAILING ADDRESS:					
BIRTHDATE: (m/d/y)		SOCIAL SECURITY#:		PHONE NUMBER:	
HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED/ATTENDING:			H.S. GPA:		CLASS RANK:
COLLEGE OR SCHOOL YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING NEXT YEAR:					
COLLEGE ATTENDING (if applicable):				CUM. COLLEGE GPA:	
AWARDS OR HONORS RECEIVED:					
ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL & COMMUNITY:					
HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (List employer, position, # of hrs. worked weekly and if job was during school year or summer):					
PERSONAL STATEMENT: In 100 words or less, explain your future goals. Your answer should be typed, doubled-spaced on a separate piece of paper and attached to this application.					
REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Include two letters of recommendation from current teachers and one character reference letter. 2. Attach school transcripts to your application. 3. Return completed application with applicant's signature to the MTA Member Telephone Cooperative or Independent Telephone System, NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2005. (See attached list.) 					
Applicant _____			Date _____		
General Manager _____			Date _____		

(If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet or the reverse of this application.)